

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claim 1. (Original) A siding trim element comprising:

a traversing element with at least two projecting elements projecting away from said traversing element, said traversing element and said at least two projecting elements forming at least two recesses for receiving and retaining one or more panel elements,

wherein said at least two recesses bias against said one or more panel elements to firmly retain said one or more panel elements therein.

Claim 2. (Original) The siding trim of claim 1, wherein said at least two projecting elements project from one side of said traversing element.

Claim 3. (Withdrawn) The siding trim of claim 1, wherein said at least two projecting elements project from opposing sides of said traversing element.

Claim 4. (Original) The siding trim of claim 1, wherein one of said at least two recesses opens in a direction substantially away from said traversing element.

Claim 5. (Original) The siding trim of claim 4, wherein another of said at least two recesses opens in a direction substantially parallel with said traversing element.

Claim 6. (Original) The siding trim of claim 5, wherein said traversing element forms a rear portion of said one of said at least two recesses and a side portion of another of said at least two recesses.

Claim 7. (Original) The siding trim of claim 6, wherein said at least two recesses

open at substantially right angles to each other.

Claim 8. (Original) The siding trim of claim 1, wherein said at least two recesses open in substantially different planes.

Claim 9. (Original) The siding trim of claim 1, wherein said at least two recesses each open in a different direction relative to said traversing element.

Claim 10. (Withdrawn) The siding trim of claim 1, wherein said at least two recesses open in substantially the same direction relative to said traversing element.

Claim 11. (Withdrawn) A siding trim system comprising:

a first trim element having a traversing element with at least two projecting elements projecting outwardly therefrom, said traversing element and said at least two projecting elements forming at least two recesses for receiving and retaining two or more panel elements;

a second trim element having a traversing element with at least three projecting elements projecting outwardly therefrom, said traversing element and said at least three projecting elements forming at least two recesses for receiving and retaining two or more panel elements; and

a third trim element having a traversing element with at least two projecting elements projecting outwardly therefrom, said traversing element and said at least two projecting elements forming at least two recesses for receiving and retaining one or more panel elements.

Claim 12. (Withdrawn) The siding system of claim 11, wherein said first trim element retains said two or more panel elements in substantially perpendicular planes relative to each other.

Claim 13. (Withdrawn) The siding system of claim 11, wherein said second trim element retains said two or more panel elements in substantially perpendicular planes relative to each other.

Claim 14. (Withdrawn) The siding system of claim 11, wherein said third trim element retains said one or more panel elements in a plane substantially parallel to said traversing element thereof.

Claim 15. (Withdrawn) The siding system of claim 11, wherein said at least two projecting elements of said first trim element project outwardly from the same side of said traversing element thereof.

Claim 16. (Withdrawn) The siding system of claim 11, wherein said at least two projecting elements of said second trim element project outwardly from opposing sides of said traversing element thereof.

Claim 17. (Withdrawn) The siding system of claim 11, wherein said traversing element of said third trim element has an L-shaped configuration.

Claim 18. (Withdrawn) The siding system of claim 11, wherein said at least two recesses of said first trim element bias against said two or more panel elements to firmly retain said panel elements therein.

Claim 19. (Withdrawn) The siding system of claim 11, wherein said at least two recesses of second trim element bias against said two or more panel elements to firmly retain said panel elements therein.

Claim 20. (Withdrawn) The siding system of claim 11, wherein said at least two recesses of said third trim element bias against said one or more panel elements to firmly retain said panel elements therein.